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**COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE SERVICES (CALLS)
MODIFIED PROPOSAL
CC DOCKET NO. 96-262, CC DOCKET NO. 94-1, CC DOCKET NO. 99-249,
CC DOCKET NO. 96-45**

Extension of Time to File Supplemental Comments

COMMENTS: April 3, 2000

REPLY COMMENTS: April 17, 2000

The Commission extends the deadlines for filing supplemental comments and reply comments on the modified proposal of the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service (CALLS) for universal service and interstate access charge reform. On September 15, 1999, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on whether the Commission should adopt all or some portion of the original CALLS proposal.¹ On March 8, 2000, the CALLS members filed a written *ex parte* submission containing a modified version of the proposal (modified proposal). In addition, Sprint and AT&T submitted written *ex parte* letters on February 25, 2000 in which they made a number of commitments regarding passing through the benefits received under the CALLS proposal to consumers. A Public Notice released March 8, 2000, DA 00-533, established March 30, 2000 as the deadline for filing comments on the modified proposal and the AT&T and Sprint *ex parte* letters, and April 13, 2000 as the deadline for filing reply comments. The filing deadline for comments is extended until April 3, 2000, and the filing deadline for reply comments is extended until April 17, 2000. This extension is made to assure that all parties will have an opportunity to review the CALLS submissions and an opportunity to file comments that will develop a complete record in the proceeding.

Comments on the revised Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), as set forth in the March 8, 2000 Public Notice, will be due on the same filing deadlines as the general comments – comments will be due on April 3, 2000 and reply comments will be due on April 17, 2000. Pursuant to Paperwork Reduction Act requirements, public and agency comments on the information collections contained in the modified CALLS proposal and *ex parte* filings are due at the same time as other comments on the Notice. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) comments are due May 15, 2000, i.e., 60 days from the date of publication of the Notice in the

¹ *Access Charge Reform, Low-Volume Long Distance Users, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 99-249 and 96-45, 14 FCC Rcd 16872 (1999).

Federal Register.

The modified proposal and the AT&T and Sprint *ex parte* letters are available for reference in the FCC Reference Room, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. The documents are also posted on the Internet on the Common Carrier Bureau page of the Commission's website at <<http://www.fcc.gov/ccb>>. Copies may also be obtained from the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS), at its office at 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Filing Comments. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before April 3, 2000. Interested parties may file reply comments on or before April 17, 2000. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998).

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov.e-file/ecfs.html>>. Commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Wanda Harris, Competitive Pricing Division, 445 Twelfth Street S.W., Fifth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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